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RE: PQ ref 40258/25

To ask the Minister for Health her views on centralising Westdoc service (If the Minister will consider centralising the Westdoc service to Castlebar, the centre of the County); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó Muirí

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

It is the view of the Health Service Executive and Westdoc, that County Mayo is too large to have a single centre for the provision of out of hours GP care, as travel time for patients would be too onerous.

Westdoc currently operates from six Treatment Centres in the county which are strategically located i.e. Castlebar, Westport, Ballina, Knock, Achill and Belmullet. It is considered that this is the best way to provide a satisfactory service to the people of Mayo.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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